GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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BIOFUELS POLICY
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which new policy and new scheme for the bio-diesel and bio-fuel were launched along with the date on which the notification of the scheme was published in the Gazette of India by the Government;

(b) the area of land allotted to different companies along with their names for production of Jatropha for production of bio-diesel, State/UT-wise;

(c) the quantity of production of bio-diesel in the country from the date of allotment till date, State/ UT-wise; and

(d) the details of the action taken so far by filing criminal cases by taking back the land from those companies which have not started production of bio-diesel after the allotment of land?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL & NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): The Bio-diesel Purchase Policy was announced by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas on 09.10.2005. The National Policy on Biofuels was notified vide an Office Memorandum and a letter dated December 1, 2010 addressed to all the States / Union Territories and all the Ministries and Departments of the Government of India, respectively. This has not been published in the Gazette of India.

(b): A report on assessment of Jatropha plantations carried out at the behest of the Department of Land Resources has indicated that approximately 6.9 lakh hectares of land was covered with Jatropha and Pongamia Plantations. Allotment of land for plantation of Jatropha is a State subject and allotment details are not available.

(c): The report mentioned in reply to part (b) above, has indicated high mortality and low seed and oil yields. The report has further stated that the plantations were relatively new with more number of immature plants, therefore, data on productivity and yields per tree or hectare were not available. Further, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has informed that no biodiesel has so far been procured by the Oil Marketing Companies.

(d): No such actions have come to the notice of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.